

Docket No. A2012-35

Postal Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on October 25, 2011, the Commission received three petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Rembrandt post office located in Rembrandt, Iowa. The first petition for review was filed by Joleen J. Anderson. The second petition for review was filed by the City of Rembrandt. The third petition for review was filed by Jerri J. Haraldson. The earliest postmark date is October 6, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than November 9, 2011.



Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary

Date: October 31, 2011

Attachment

Rembrandt Public Library
108 Main St., P O Box 169
Rembrandt, IA 50576
October 4, 2011

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to you in regards to the proposed closing of the Rembrandt Post Office. We have been so very well served all of these past years and hope you can find in some way to continue this excellent service to our rural town.

The Rembrandt Public Library uses the Rembrandt Post Office every week to send out books requested from our library to other libraries in our state through the state library SILO program, It will be much more difficult to send out these books in a timely manner without our post office. We also receive many books from other libraries to provide the books my patrons need that we do not own. This service will be more difficult to provide without our post office. Monthly we receive a box of large print books from the Decorah Public Library to provide for those patrons who need to read large print books a better selection. This service will be harder to continue for my patrons with special needs without our post office. Having the post office brings many to town to do postal business and then they come and use our library. The Rembrandt Post Office is very important to our citizens and our businesses and the library in our rural Iowa town. The library needs the post office to better serve my patrons requests in a timely manner.

Please reconsider the closer of the Rembrandt .Post Office which has served our community so well for all these years.

I wish to thank-you for your consideration of this appeal.

Sincerely,



Joleen J. Anderson
Library Director

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing you regarding the final determination that has been made regarding our post office in Rembrandt, IA. It appears the commission has decided to close the post office due to saving \$40,470.00 annually. I am sure this figure does not take into effect the cost of cluster boxes, installation, any other up front costs or the added expense for the future carrier for Rembrandt, upkeep of the cluster boxes, and snow removal every year. I do believe this figure would change and certainly not as additional savings. It certainly appears your easiest answer is to walk away from the situation and let it be someone else's problem. You seem to believe that the carrier can solve all the issues that need to be addressed. How much room will they have to store the extra packages, mail etc. when businesses do their monthly mailings or the holidays arrive? Will the carrier have to tell some residents or businesses "Sorry folks, no room in the vehicle today, I'll have to get it tomorrow." Is the carrier going to be able to take debit and credit cards? How will this be addressed so the debit or credit cards are safe from theft. I do not feel too many people will want to leave cash in their boxes either. Since you have a very small window to catch the mail carrier, you hope nothing is that critical after the mail carrier leaves town that can't wait until tomorrow or if it is you will need to run to a town that has a post office and take care of the issue which will cause loss time for the business or person. There still seems to be a lot of unanswered questions.

This letter is submitted as part of an appeal for this ruling.

Sincerely Yours,

City of Rembrandt



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To Whom it May Concern,

We wish to appeal the decision to close the Post Office in Rembrandt Iowa. The Post Office is a vital part of our small community and we feel it needs to remain open in the capacity it now is operating.

We understand your concerns on saving money, however, we feel there are other avenues for you to pursue rather than completely closing this office. Please consider other alternatives to your current financial crisis.

We as The First National Bank, feel the need to have this facility open to help do our business. Please reconsider your decision.

Respectfully,

Jerri J. Haraldson
Cashier

Cc: USPS Hawkeye District Manager
Governor Terry Branstad
U.S. Senator Charles Grassley
Congressman Steven King

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